

NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

Rationale for Change: Northwest proposes to revise its peer group to be used for the Performance Funding “sustaining” threshold from 41 to 36 institutions. A previously approved group of peers was selected in 2000, approved by executive leadership and has had only one institution changed (by removal) in that time. The peer group was identified by an independent third party through a rigorous analysis based upon key variables, including: ACT midpoint of incoming freshmen class, average faculty salary +/- 10% of Northwest Missouri State University and degree program mix. The intent, based upon third party input, was to further refine the group, but the effort has stalled for numerous reasons over the last several years. We are proposing the peer group be shaped to 36 based on a more representative geographic distribution, paring down from institutions over 800 miles away and at extreme coasts, for example, to a more central geographic representation and still retaining the original variables for inclusion. Recent strategic planning has allowed us to ensure goals/projections are aligned with Strategic Objectives, Strategic Goals, and Action Plans along with ongoing analysis of comparative results and includes a 3-year review and realignment of peer and aspirant groups.

Original Peer Group	Proposed Peer Group
Northwest Missouri State University	Northwest Missouri State University
Adams State College	Adams State College
Angelo State University	Angelo State University
Arkansas State University-Main Campus	Arkansas State University-Main Campus
Arkansas Tech University	Arkansas Tech University
Auburn University at Montgomery	Auburn University at Montgomery
Boise State University	Cameron University
Cameron University	Central Missouri University
Central Missouri University	Delta State University
Central Washington University	Emporia State University
Delta State University	Fort Hays State University
Eastern Washington University	Henderson State University
Emporia State University	Indiana University-Northwest
Fort Hays State University	Indiana University-Purdue University-Fort Wayne
Henderson State University	Indiana University-South Bend
Indiana University-Northwest	Louisiana State University-Shreveport
Indiana University-Purdue University-Fort Wayne	Minnesota State University-Moorhead
Indiana University-South Bend	Missouri Southern State University
Louisiana State University-Shreveport	Missouri Western State University
Minnesota State University-Moorhead	Montana State University-Billings
Missouri Southern State University	Morehead State University
Missouri State University	Northern Kentucky University
Missouri Western State University	Northern State University
Montana State University-Billings	Pittsburg State University
Morehead State University	Southeast Missouri State University
Northern Kentucky University	Southern Arkansas University Main Campus

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Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
Southwestern Oklahoma State University
University of Central Oklahoma
University of Montevallo
University of North Alabama
University of Southern Indiana
University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
University of West Alabama
University of West Florida
Wayne State College
Western Illinois University
Western Kentucky University

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
Southwestern Oklahoma State University
University of Central Oklahoma
University of Montevallo
University of North Alabama
University of Southern Indiana
University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
University of West Alabama
Wayne State College
Western Illinois University
Western Kentucky University